

COUNCIL BRIEFS

June 17, 2016

2016 Best Library: West Hartford main library and its branches were named Best Library in the *Hartford Magazine's* annual readers' poll. Abundant opportunities to explore, learn and connect were among the reasons why our libraries stood out from the rest! Thank you to all of you who cast a vote, putting the library over the top for another year.

Morley School donates 280 backpacks:

Known as the Backpack Brigade, students, staff, and families from Morley Elementary School made the one mile trek to Town Hall with their wagons filled with backpacks on June 7.

The event supplied nearly half of the backpacks needed for the program, which benefits over 650 low-income West Hartford students.

Happy 50th Birthday Bishops Corner

Library! Join the celebration on June 17, 12:00 -2:00pm to share your fond memories of the Bishops Corner Library through the years, while enjoying ice cream, toppings and birthday cake.

The library at Bishops Corner opened in 1966 and was first known as the North End Branch. In 1979, it was renamed the Bishops Corner Library, to lessen confusion with Hartford Public Library's North End Branch. In 2012, the Bishops Corner Library was renovated. The new layout included energy-efficiency improvements and greater accessibility. For more information on the 50th birthday event, please call Bishops Corner Library at 860-561-8210 or [click here](#).

Road reconstruction: During the 2016 construction season, the Town plans to reconstruct the following roadways with new curbs, sidewalks and driveway aprons:

- Rumford Street (South Main Street to Webster Hill Boulevard)
- Milton Street
- Lemay Street

Outdoor Pools are Open! The outdoor pools at Kennedy, Fernridge, Eisenhower and Beachland parks will open daily for public swimming beginning Saturday, June 18 at 1:00 PM. [Click here](#) for information on swim times, swim lessons, pool passes and fees.

Tax bills are in the mail: The Revenue Services Office mailed tax bills today to owners of 47,000 vehicles in town. First installment of real estate tax were also mailed to property owners. Payment is due July 1.

Check your bill for errors: CT Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and municipalities across the state are working to resolve some inconsistencies among residents' mailing addresses and their domicile (the town in which vehicle is garaged).

If you receive a tax bill from a town that you did not reside in or garage your vehicle as of October 1, 2015, please contact the Assessor of that town to request a transfer to the correct town of your residency.

Please have the following information ready when you call:

- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
- Vehicle plate number
- Name of the owner
- Correct address of the owner
- A phone number to reach the owner

June is dog license month: The Town Clerk's Office mailed postcard reminders to over 3,000 dog owners, urging owners to make their pets legal during the month of June. All dogs over 6 months of age must be registered and receive a dog tag annually. The numbered tag serves as identification for any pet that may wander away from home. The annual cost for dog licenses is \$19.00 for unaltered animals and \$8.00 for neutered or spayed animals.

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